

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017

Vets compete at Manchester Fencing Centre



Mens sabre action at the BVF Championships - Manchester Fencing Centre
Malcolm Cawton v Bill Osbaldeston

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

It was good to see those of you who were at Manchester for the AGM and BVF Championships. Thank you to all who were able to attend the AGM. It was a good opportunity for a lively discussion and for those present to express their views. You can find the minutes here: <http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/minutes/agm2017.pdf>

There were 2 motions passed:

- This AGM supports the efforts of the Committee to modernise BVF's competition structure and looks forward to the publication of Working Group's report on possible further developments.
- It is proposed that the British Veterans National Championships revert to the previous format of an open event for all age groups fenced as two rounds of poules followed by a complete direct elimination.

I am pleased to say that the previous committee officers and members, including myself, were re-elected and that Graham Paul joins us as an elected member. Thank you on behalf of all of us for your support.

The previous committee appointed a working group to consider options for the future development of the BVF selection process, and the competition process that would support the selection process. The working group will present an interim report to the BVF committee by the end of April 2017 and a final report to the committee by the end of July 2017. If you have any feedback on the Manchester event, and/or comments/ideas on selection and competition format please send to the working group:

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In the meantime, the new committee will move forward and will be looking at professionalism and modernisation in addition to events and usual business.

Thanks to Event Manager, David Taylor, and his team for organising and running the BVF Championships. A well run event at a good venue!

It is still not too late to enter the West Midlands Open (1st/2nd April). Peter Baron has extended the closing date to 27th March. Online entry is on the BVF website: [WMO](#)

A reminder that if you are intending to take part in the European Individual Championships, Chiavari and have not yet sent me your intention to participate, the closing date for Federations to register intentions is 24th April. The competition website is: <http://www.europeanfencingmaster.eu/competitions-schedule/?lang=en>

Sincerely,

Gillian Aghajan
Chairman

BVF Championships - Medallists

ME Cat 1

Gold Chris Howser
Silver Leslie MacDonald
Bronze John Leahey
 Tim Buzwell

MF Cat 1

Gold Dominic Chang
Silver Alexander Ellison
Bronze Graham Reid
 Alan Browne

MS Cat 1

Gold Andrew Thornley
Silver Christopher Hyde
Bronze Michael Swiffin
 Stefan Leponis

ME Cat 2

Gold Granville Ward
Silver Richard Phelps
Bronze Adrian Griffin
 Hugh Kernohan

MF Cat 2

Gold Kola Abidogun
Silver Mike McKay
Bronze John Troiano
 Jeffrey Kiy

MS Cat 2

Gold Duncan Rowlands
Silver Carl Moffat
Bronze Peter Howes
 Keith Davidson

ME Cat 3

Gold Neal Mallett
Silver Ralph Johnson
Bronze Jonathan Stanbury
 Rob Brooks

MF Cat 3

Gold Paul Wedge
Silver Paul Lowen
Bronze John Hyde
 Steve Fox

MS Cat 3

Gold Carl Morris
Silver Chris Prevett
Bronze Barry Coulter
 Stephen Rennie

ME Cat 4

Gold Robin Davenport
Silver Brian Causton
Bronze Bill Osbaldeston
 Graham Paul

MF Cat 4

Gold Graham Paul
Silver Brian Causton
Bronze Alan Ault
 Paul Harden

MS Cat 4

Gold Malcolm Cawton
Silver Bill Osbaldeston
Bronze Michael Compton
 Richard Cohen

WE Cat 1

Gold Nicola Hull
Silver Szilvi Naray-Davey
Bronze Lorna Smith
 Sarah Budden

WF Cat 1

Gold Kate O'Connell
Silver Nicola Hull
Bronze Helen Thouless
 Joanne Yeates

WS Cat 1

Gold Beth Davidson
Silver Jacqueline
 Esimaje-Heath
 Emma-Louise
 Waller
Bronze Nickola Beck

WE Cat 2

Gold Marg Oniye
Silver Kate Morwell-Neave
Bronze Julia Duxon
 Caron Hale

WF Cat 2

Gold Amanda Baxendale
Silver Kate Morwell-Neave
Bronze Caron Hale
 Gillian Worman

WS Cat 2

Gold Michele Narey
Silver Grace Coulter
Bronze Caroline Clancy
 Vanessa Hendra

WE Cat 3

Gold Jayne Clayton
Silver Jenny Morris
Bronze Mariette Mason
 Lynne Bornemisza

WF Cat 3

Gold Sheila Anderson
Silver Jane Clayton
Bronze Jenny Morris
 Moya McNamara

WS Cat 3

Gold Jane Hutchison
Silver Yvonne Walls
Bronze Lynne Bornemisza
 Julie Schofield

WE Cat 4

Gold Silvia Brown
Silver Margaret Myers
Bronze Patricia
 Shepherd-Foster
 Sylvia Brown

WF Cat 4

Gold Margaret Myers
Silver Kristin Payne

WS Cat 4

Gold Silvia Brown
Silver Patricia
 Shepherd-Foster
Bronze Sylvia Brown

Full results can be found here: [results](#)

Manchester moods

Photos by Editor



A taste of Italy

To prepare for the European Championships in Chiavari, in February I went to an Italian Masters circuit event Busto Arsizio, a suburb of Milan.

The event was well attended, with fencers from several European countries. There were 31 fencers in Cat 2 men's sabre (Cat 2 men's epee had 104!), in one round of pools. I emerged undefeated from the pools as 2nd seed, and advanced from the L32 with a 10-1 victory against a Slovenian.

The L16 was a much tougher encounter; Mauro Numa, the Cat 2 men's sabre 2015 European champion (and as a young foilist, the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic gold medallist). After a close first half (5-4) I managed to extend my lead to take a 10-6 victory. Unfortunately, my day then ended in the L8 with a 10-8 defeat to Enrico Calanchini, leaving me in 6th place. The event was won by new to Cat 2 Stefano Lanciotti, who I had defeated 5-3 in the pool!

The event was run efficiently in a good venue by a friendly crew. Every fight was independently refereed to a high standard. I'd definitely recommend the event for veterans wanting experience against some of the top European veteran fencers.

A warning for Chiavari; Italian referees issue cards for the slightest infraction. Starting early was punished immediately and I was carded for 'leaving the piste to avoid a hit' when I lost my footing and stumbled off the side.

Busto Arsizio is a 20 minute direct train ride from Milan Malpensa airport, which EasyJet fly to from several UK airports. With an entry fee of €20 and a room in a very nice family run B&B the trip was relatively inexpensive. Flying from Edinburgh the total cost of the trip, including driving to the airport and weekend parking, was less than £350.

Duncan Rowlands



Italian Veteran fencing competitions have very different equipment stands!

Photo by Duncan Rowlands

Lost at Manchester

I have lost a wet bag from Christchurch CVFC Championships 2016. Black & red, draw strings and pocket with Christchurch logo. I have already been in touch with Marshalls Fencing without success and would be very pleased to be reunited with it

Mark Robertson

Please contact editor if you have info, thanks.

Competition results (top half)

Cambridge Winter Tournament - 07/01/2017

MF (80)	10	Mike McKay
	19	Kenny Jones
	21	Paul Lowen
	23	Peter Thompson
	28	Anthony Conyard
	38	Paul Harden
	40	Philip Westley
ME (53)	3	John Prime
	10	Rob Brooks
	11	Simon Pink
	16	Paul Townson
	18	Paul Eames
	20	Stephen Domek
	23	Philip Jordan
	25	Tim Bissell
MS (26)	7	Kevin Alexander
	10	Julian Ghosh
	13	Michael Compton
WF (25)	6	Caron Hale
	7	Fiona Haldane
WE (29)	8	Marietter Mason
	10	Susan Brooks
	11	Denise Silk
	12	Julia Duxon
	13	Helen Thouless
WS (12)	1	Caroline Clancy
	2	Vivien Frith
	6	Tracy Russen

Transpennine Open - 28/01/2017

MF (19)	9	Alastair Savage
MS (15)	3T	Andrew Thornley

Merseyside Open - 11/02/2017

MF (91)	15	Mike McKay
	30	Paul Stanbridge
	44	Jeff Kiy
ME (83)	2	Chris Heaps
	3	Darryl Hazlewood
	8	Granville Ward
	16	Tom Chrisp
	21	Tristan Spicer
	25	Hugh Kernohan
	30	Peter Davies
	41	Rob Brooks
MS (51)	9	Andrew Thornley
	12	Stefan Leponis
	17	Michael Swiffin
	24	Carl Moffat
WF (29)	14	Maria Cabrelli
WE (37)	5	Karina Calderon Brown

Lancaster Open - 25/02/2017

ME (28)	6	Chris Heaps
	9	Max Telfer
	11	Granville Ward
MS (13)	2	Julian Ghosh
WS (11)	3	Yvonne Walls

Competition results compiled using
Trawler software
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Reminder

Please remember to enter competitions using the name on your BVF membership card. If you use another name your results will not be found by the software that compiles the report as above.

Competition results (top half)

Warwick Open - 04/03/2017

MF (26)	13	Jacques Portal
ME (54)	10	Andrew Luckman
MS (24)	5	Edward Simpson

Edinburgh Open - 11/03/2017

ME (28)	3T	Hugh Kernohan
MS (13)	3T	Chris Hyde

***Congratulations to Caroline Clancy -
Gold medal WS - Cambridge Winter Open***

BVF Calendar 2017

BVF CALENDAR 2017	
Apr 1-2	West Midlands Open 2017, Dudley, West Midlands Event Manager: Pete Baron
May 25-28	European Individual Championships, Chiavari, Italy Event Manager: Gillian Aghajan
Jun 24-25	Summer Selection Event, Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes Event Manager: Marcia Stretch
Sep 23-24	Veterans Winton Cup 2017, Lilleshall National Sports Centre Event Manager: Marcia Stretch
Oct 16-21	Veterans World Championships, Maribor, Slovenia Event Manager: Gillian Aghajan

See BVF website home page for European competitions and events - www.veterans-fencing.co.uk



Birmingham International Fencing Tournament 2017



Easter - 15th and 16th April

New Venue for 2017!

360 Sports and Fitness centre. A brand new sports centre at the University of Birmingham.

Saturday 15th April

Men's Foil Check-in closed by 9:00

Women's Foil Check-in closed by 11:00

Men's Sabre Check-in closed by 13:30

Sunday 16th April

Men's Epee Check-in closed by 9:00

Women's Epee Check-in closed by 11.30

Women's Sabre Check-in closed by 13.30

Current BF, NGB or equivalent licences must be shown at Check-in.

Entry Fee : £26.00 per weapon. Cheques payable to **BIFTOC**

Closing date : 9th April Late entries charged at **£36.00.**

Free entry to non-UK residents visiting specifically for this event.

(Excludes students studying in the UK.)

Prizes for last 8 at each weapon.

***Veterans prizes awarded if status declared on entry form or at check-in
(UK BVF members only)***

Trade stand, equipment and prizes provided by Leon Paul Equipment Co.

The organisers retain the right to change the format of the Tournament at any time.

Entry details here: <http://www.birminghaminternationalfencing.org.uk/bift.pl?page=home>

Team Competition - Ghent, Belgium



Koninklijke en Ridderlijke Hoofdgilde van Sint-Michiel v.z.w.
GILDE DER GENTSE SCHERMERS

Chef-Confrérie Royale et Chevalière de Saint-Michel a.s.b.l.
GILDE DES ESCRIMEURS DE GAND

5th VETERANS TOURNAMENT FOR TEAMS *EPEE* – *SABRE*

The Guild of Saint Michael has the honour to invite you to their Veterans Tournament on Sunday 11th June 2017

Attention: the number of entries is limited at:

- *Epee*: max 12 teams
- *Sabre*: max 8 teams

Programme

Reception:	9h30
Appeal:	10h00
Start of the competition (for all weapons)	10h20
Pauze:	13h30-13h50
Medals	after the competition, around 16h30

Venue

Historical fencing hall of the Guild of Saint Michael, Lakenhalle, Botermarkt 18A, 9000 Gent. Telephone number on the day of the competition : (+32) (0) 494/918.917

Entry fee

28 euros per team, the entry fee must be paid on arrival.



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Home Nations

FOUR NATIONS VETERANS HOME INTERNATIONAL – DUBLIN – 6 MAY 2017

We look forward to welcoming you to Dublin and to this year's event.

Programme: All fencing will take place on Saturday 6th May

10:00 Men's Foil, Women's Epee, Men's Sabre

13:00 Women's Foil, Men's Epee, Women's Sabre

19:30 Gala dinner and presentation of prizes

at the Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire

A meeting of team captains and registration will take place on Friday, 5th May

20:30 Team captains meeting , venue: Haddington House Hotel

Fencing Venue: Loreto Abbey School Sports Centre, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

<http://loretoabbeydalkey.com/index.php/admission-documents/53-sports-hall-brochure/file>

Further details - email Editor

MasterCamp Vicenza

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Herewith, we invite you to our International Fencing Camp.

Place: Vicenza, Italy (a town near Venice)

When: **24th - 30th July 2017**

Who: Adult Fencers all levels

Weapons: All three weapons

Join in and compete, train, get individual lessons, go on an outing in Venice and, above all, fence, fence, fence, and have fun!!!

All our Coaches are certified and experienced.

We hope you like the idea and that you will share it. Looking forward to seeing you in Vicenza (Italy).

For more info, prices (with or without hotel) go to the following links:

www.mastercamp.org/english

<https://m.facebook.com/mastercampvicenza/>

contact@mastercamp.org

Thanking you for your kind attention, we forward our most sincere regards.

Maestro Sandro Berto

in collaboration with
Circolo della Spada di Vicenza



**Caption
Competition
February/March**

Send your entry to Editor

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Photos - Editor

Editor's Note:

The BVF newsletter is your voice: a chance for you to put forward your views, send reports, letters, photos or articles.

Please speak up!

Send to me:

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The best excuse for not being able to fence at the WMO? - "Thanks but I will be away fencing in Nepal with Jim Pilkington that weekend!"

**Caption Competition
January**

What a good response to this one! - Ed

"Wish I didn't have to meet you again!" - Paul Wedge

"Tony and Paul were glum because Keiko had eaten the wine gums." - Richard Sage

"Guess who's watching sabre." - Paul Brenda

"She would not be smiling like that if she had to fence in this poule" - Kate Elvin

"It's not like the Lansdowne, Paul." - David Miller

"Smile and the world smiles with you." - Geoff Silverman



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